

Tuesday, Jan 9th - Bay Area Fire Management Staff

Title: "2006 Fire Season -Bay Area Parks Support Interagency Fire Management Efforts"

Abstract: There was record fire activity during the 2006 fire season, accelerated by a large number of lightning storms. Over 9.4 million acres burned, compared to a ten year average of 6 million acres. Some fires were intentionally managed for resource benefit. Many others threatened public safety and required aggressive suppression. With firefighting resources fully committed, costs for the fiscal year ran over 1.5 billion dollars, and the national fire situation was at Preparedness Level 5 (the highest level) for much of the season. NPS staff from the Bay Area Parks responded to many fires across the region. Photographs and details from emergency support actions on a wide range of assignments will be presented including Severity, Wildland Fire Suppression, Wildland Fire Use, and Burned Area Emergency Response. Non-emergency accomplishments including prescribed fire and mechanical treatments will also be summarized. *Coordinated by Jennifer Chapman and Alison Forrestel.*